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SUBJECT: GOP NOTE ON CUSTOM AND IMMIGRATION INSPECTION

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. 75-3211
DATED DECEMBER 17, 1975.

QUOTE

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO DRAW THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION
TO THE DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED BY THE PHILIPPINE
AIRLINES FLIGHTS TRANSITING HONOLULU TO SAN FRANCISCO AS
REGARDS THE PRESENT UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION
ARRANGEMENTS. THE SCHEDULED TRANSIT TIME IN HONOLULU IS
TWO HOURS BUT CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION CLEARANCES AT THE
HONOLULU AIRPORT FOR PHILIPPINE AIR LINES PASSENGERS CAN
TAKE THREE OR EVEN FOUR HOURS WHEN THERE ARE OTHER AIRLINES
INVOLVED. NEEDLESS TO SAY, ANY SUCH DELAYS WORKS TO THE
PREJUDICE OF THE AIRLINE AND PROVIDES A VALID BASIS OF
OF COMPLAINT FROM THE PASSENGERS.

THEREFORE, THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO
PROPOSE A PRE-CLEARANCE ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD MAKE IT
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POSSIBLE FOR PAL PASSENGERS BOUND FOR THE UNITED STATES

TO GO THROUGH CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION INSPECTION BEFORE BOARDING IN MANILA. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IS NOW BEING DONE AND IT ALLEVIATES THE USUAL DIFFICULTIES. (THIS SENTENCE IS AS EXACTLY RECEIVED.)

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE EMBASSY COULD CONVEY THIS PROPOSAL TO APPROPRIATE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES.

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT HEARD OF UNDUE DELAYS IN CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION CLEARANCES AT HONOLULU AIRPORT. WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTRMENT FOR REPLY. IN MEANTIME, UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, WE PLAN TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF NOTE AND STATE THAT IT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BY APPROPRIATE USG AUTHORITIES.
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